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Federal Communications Commission
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Re: 05-235

Proposed change to Rules on Morse Code Requirement for Amateur Radio License

Please do not change the rules requiring proficiency in morse code for an amateur radio license. The ability to send/receive morse code is essential in certain long-distance and low reception conditions, where voice communication is worthless. I have worked many far-away stations with poor transpolar propagation- stations that I never would have made contact with on SSB [voice].

Morse code has long been a part of amateur radio, and should remain so. When I passed my Amateur Extra Class exam, I was required to send and receive 20 wpm. The requirement is now only 5 wpm. This is **not** a burden for anyone, believe me.

Thank you,

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